

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An open-toed sandal, comprising:

- 5 a) a sandal sole;
b) granules providing a high-traction surface bonded to an upper surface of the sandal.

2. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are absent from a central portion of the sandal sole.

10 3. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are present in a foot ball portion only.

4. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are present in patches.

15 5. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are bonded to the sandal sole with an adhesive.

6. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are embedded in the sandal sole.

20 7. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are embedded in plugs disposed in recesses in the sandal sole.

8. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are bonded to a fabric patch adhered to the sandal sole.

25 9. The sandal of claim 8 wherein the fabric patch is detachable from the sandal.

10. The sandal of claim 1 wherein the granules are made of crushed rock.

30 11. the sandal of claim 1 wherein cuts in the sandal sole divide the sole into separately flexible zones.

12. An open-toed sandal, comprising:

- a) a sandal sole;
- b) granules providing a high-traction surface bonded to an upper surface of the sandal in a
5 foot ball portion;
- c) at least one strap for holding the sandal sole on a foot.

13. The sandal of claim 12 wherein the granules are present in patches.

10 14. The sandal of claim 12 wherein the granules are bonded to the sandal sole with an adhesive.

15. The sandal of claim 12 wherein the granules are embedded in the sandal sole.

15 16. The sandal of claim 12 wherein the granules are embedded in plugs disposed in recesses in the sandal sole.

17. The sandal of claim 12 wherein the granules are bonded to a fabric strip adhered to the sandal sole.

20 18. The sandal of claim 17 wherein the fabric strip is detachable from the sandal.

19. An open-toed sandal, comprising:

- a) a sandal sole;
- b) granules providing a high-traction surface bonded to an upper surface of the sandal in a
25 foot ball portion, wherein a central portion of the sandal does not have the granules.

20. The sandal of claim 19 wherein the granules are embedded in plugs disposed in recesses in the sandal sole.